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#### STATE OF INDIANA

#### INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA, INC. REQUESTING THE INDIANA **UTILITY** REGULATORY **COMMISSION** TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 8-1-2.5-1, ET SEQ., FOR THE OFFERING OF ENERGY **EFFICIENCY** CONSERVATION, DEMAND RESPONSE AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATED **TREATMENT** RATE INCLUDING **INCENTIVES** IN ACCORDANCE WITH IN. CODE §§ 8-1-SEQ. AND ET 8-1-2-42 AUTHORITY TO DEFER PROGRAM COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS ENERGY **EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO PROGRAMS**: **AUTHORITY** TO IMPLEMENT NEW AND ENHANCED **ENERGY PROGRAMS AND APPROVAL** OF MODIFICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE EARNINGS AND EXPENSE TESTS.

**CAUSE NO. 43427** 

#### PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

**APPROVED: MAR 1 2 2008** 

### **BY THE COMMISSION:**

Gregory D. Server, Commissioner
Loraine L. Seyfried, Administrative Law Judge

On January 22, 2008, Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. ("Petitioner") filed its petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in this matter.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held in Room 224 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana at 1:30 p.m. on February 29, 2008. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. The Petitioner, an ad hoc group of industrial users located within the Petitioner's electric service area ("an Intervenor") and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("Public") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference. No members of the general public appeared.

Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The agreement of the parties was then read into the record. Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which should become a part of the record in this proceeding:

- 1. <u>Petitioner's Prefiling Date</u>. The Petitioner should prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before May 29, 2008. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
- 2. <u>Public's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date</u>. The Public and all Intervenors should prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before August 29, 2008. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
- 3. <u>Settlement Hearing</u>. A Settlement Hearing shall be convened on September 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 224 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Parties should file any settlement agreement and evidence in support thereof at least five (5) business days prior to the Settlement Hearing.
- 4. <u>Public's and Intervenor's Cross-Response Prefiling Date</u>. The Public and all Intervenors should prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their responses to each others respective cases-in-chief on or before September 12, 2008. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
- 5. <u>Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling</u>. The Petitioner should prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before September 26, 2008. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
- 6. Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief. In the event this Cause is not settled the cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, Public and any Intervenors should be presented in an Evidentiary Hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m. on October 14, 2008 in Room 224 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of Public's or Intervenors' witnesses. If the parties reach settlement subsequent to the Settlement Hearing, the agreement and any evidence in support thereof should be submitted to the Commission five (5) business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.
- 7. <u>Sworn Testimony</u>. Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding should be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the Evidentiary Hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the Evidentiary Hearing, the prefiled testimony should be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written

verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

- 8. <u>Discovery</u>. Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request.
- 9. <u>Prefiling of Workpapers</u>. When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party should concurrently file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence. Copies of same should also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document should be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.
- Number of Copies/Corrections. With the exception of work papers, the parties should file with the Commission an original and five (5) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony should be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.
- 11. <u>Intervenors</u>. Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause should be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

- 1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.
  - 2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

## HARDY, GOLC, LANDIS, SERVER, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

APPROVED: MAR 1 2 2008

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.

Brenda A. Howe

Secretary to the Commission